

How do we expect our children to behave?

Dunkirk Primary is a school with excellent behaviour. Staff have high expectations of behaviour resulting in a calm, purposeful working environment, which is essential for effective learning to take place.

"...Pupils' academic and personal development is fully supported by their excellent behaviour and enormous enjoyment of school ..."

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We have a whole school approach, characterised by fairness and consistency and based on positive attitudes. Our own merit system enables children to be rewarded for good attitudes, behaviour and work, with recognition given to particular children in our PRIDE Assembly each week.

We teach children to take responsibility for their own behaviour using a range of sanctions and involving parents and carers in maintaining the discipline of their children. We will always let you know if we have any concerns. Our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning programme involves whole school and classroom based work which helps children to reflect on their feelings and behaviours and how these affect others. We involve parents and families by encouraging some activities to be shared and worked on together at home.



The school is active in dealing with any racist or bullying incidents among children and adults and we also have Anti-Racist and Anti-Bullying Policies in place with practice regularly reviewed by staff and Governors. Any incidents are logged by the school, reported to Governors and fully investigated and discussed. In addition, the school is part of the Local Authority's common monitoring policy, where any racist incidents within the school or community are reported. Parents are always encouraged to let us know about any concerns.

"...Pupils' personal development is outstanding and they feel safe and secure in an environment that is free from harassment or racism of any kind..."

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We believe in the importance of the following school values:

- understanding the difference between right and wrong

- being open and honest with adults and each other
- trusting and respecting one another
- showing care and consideration for all
- providing a school community which is based on sound relationships, equality of opportunity and understanding

We will always listen to any problem you or your child may have.

There is an active school council which encourages children to share ideas and make decisions about what is happening in school.

"...The School Council is very active and provides pupils with a strong voice within the school community..."

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